

CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY  
SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY, 6 OCTOBER 1988 AT 10:00 A.M.  
IN BC-110, SGW CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE:

Present were:

C.H. Langford (Chair), V. Baba, P. Fazio,  
M. Kusy, K. Lipke, A. Mohammad, R.H. Pallen,  
E. Reyes, C.Y. Suen, A.J. Williams,  
S. Bulzan (Secretary)

Absent with regrets:

B. MacKay

Absent:

G. Johns, M.N.S. Swamy

Guest:

J.C. Giguère

DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED & DISTRIBUTED TO SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE:

SRC-87-11-05-D30	<u>COMPUTER RESOURCES COMMITTEE - FIVE-YEAR STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN</u>
SRC-88-04-07-D44	<u>SENATE RESEARCH COMMITTEE RESPONSE TO FIVE- YEAR PLAN</u>
SRC-88-09-15-D47	<u>COMMENTARY ON THE ACADEMIC PLANNING PROCESS 1989-1991 (revised)</u>
SRC-88-09-15-D48	<u>SRC CENTRES QUESTIONNAIRE</u>
SRC-88-10-06-D49	<u>LA RECHERCHE UNIVERSITAIRE AU QUEBEC</u>
SRC-88-10-06-D50	<u>1987-88 SUMMARY OF RESEARCH GRANTS AND CONTRACTS AWARDED TO CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY RESEARCHERS</u>
SRC-88-10-06-D51	<u>FACULTY OF ARTS &amp; SCIENCE GENERAL RESEARCH FUNDS REPORT</u>

DOCUMENTS (Continued):

- SRC-88-10-06-D52     FACULTY OF COMMERCE & ADMINISTRATION REPORT  
OF THE 1987-88 FACULTY RESEARCH COMMITTEE
- SRC-88-10-06-D53     FACULTY OF ENGINEERING & COMPUTER SCIENCE OF  
THE COMMITTEE ON AID TO RESEARCH ACTIVITY FOR  
ITS FIRST YEAR OF OPERATIONS
- SRC-88-10-06-D54     DISTRIBUTION OF INTERNAL RESEARCH FUNDS, 1987-  
88 - FACULTY OF FINE ARTS

Dr. C.H. Langford occupied the Chair.

I. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- 1.1 Under section V of the 15 September Minutes, it was reported that two new graduate students were named to the Committee. Ansar Mohammad is in the Faculty of Engineering & Computer Science (and not Commerce), and Edgardo Reyes is in Commerce & Administration (and not Engineering).
- 1.2 It was moved and seconded (Kusy, Suen) and unanimously RESOLVED:

That the Minutes of the Senate Research Committee meeting of 15 September 1988 be approved, as corrected.

II. DR. J.C. GIGUERE - VICE-RECTOR, SERVICES (Supported by documents SRC-87-11-05-D30 and SRC-88-04-07-D44)

- 2.1 The Vice-Rector, Services discussed the SRC's response to the Computer Resources Five-Year Plan and mentioned that the suggestions made will be taken into consideration when the Computer Resource Committee's work-plan is set up.
- 2.2 Dr. Giguère discussed the possibility of purchasing a Supercomputer for Concordia using some of the money received from Hydro-Québec. Several other suggestions were provided by the Committee for use of this money.

III. CHAIR'S REMARKS

A. Report on Networks of Centres of Excellence Competition

- 3.1 The Chair informed the Committee that six letters of intent were signed by the Rector. They are in the following areas: Computational Fluid Dynamics (which is sponsored by five universities); Transport (sponsored by Concordia and l'Université de Montréal); Aerospace Research Institute of Canada (ARIC); Building Studies (sponsored by CBS, the Gage Institute and NRC); Communications; and Composites.
- 3.2 The Chair indicated that the provincial government has made \$200,000. available to CREPUQ to assist in preparation of proposals.
- 3.3 The Chair mentioned that all copies of letters of intent were submitted to CREPUQ. It was also noted that the Comité de la recherche meeting would be held on October 12th 1988.

B. Standing Senate Committee on National Finance

- 3.1 The Chair referred to a letter written to the Rector by the Chair of the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance. The letter indicated that the Standing Senate Committee had examined the matching grants program and had concluded that the program should be redesigned.

C. Report from Director of Research Services - A.J. Williams

- 3.1 The reports from the four faculties regarding general research grants were circulated to the Committee, along with the document '1987-88 Summary of Research Grants and Contracts Awarded to Concordia University Researchers'. Ms. Williams noted that the first quarter reports for 1988-89 looked very positive.
- 3.2 Ms. Williams announced that she had sent a memo to the Department Chairs stating that this will be the last year for NSERC's URF program.

D. Support & Development of Research Centres

- 3.1 The Chair stated that the questionnaire (Document SRC-88-09-15-D48) would be circulated to the Centre Directors. Results of the Centre Directors' reactions would be put on the SRC Agenda for discussion.

IV. ACADEMIC PLANNING FOR 1989-1991  
(SRC-88-09-15-D47, revised and SRC-88-10-06-D49)

- 4.1 The Chair indicated the changes that had been made to the document as a result of the discussion which took place at the last SRC meeting.
- 4.2 The Committee was asked to submit any final editorial changes up to October 12th 1988.
- 4.3 Dr. Fazio circulated a report from the 'Conseil de la science et de la technologie' entitled "La recherche universitaire au Québec". It was suggested that the SRC should question the Rector's Cabinet about what Concordia's strategy should be in terms of its present funding position.
- 4.4 The Chair presented the motion to review the development of a strategy.
- Moved by Dr. Fazio; seconded by Dr. Kusy. Motion carried.
- 4.5 The Chair will write a memo to the Rector and the Deans addressing this issue immediately. The following resolution reflects the Committee's position:

"That the Senate Research Committee request the Office of the Rector and the five faculties to identify strategies to increase the level of external research grants, noting that this has become more urgent as grants have become a factor in Québec operating funding".

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V. OTHER BUSINESS

Arts & Science representation on SRC

- 5.1 The Vice-Dean of Arts & Science stated that a nomination for the Arts & Science representative on the SRC would be made soon.
- 5.2 It was agreed that the other vacant seat on the Committee (someone from the Humanities) would be decided at a later meeting by providing a profile on each of the candidates and allowing the Committee to vote by preferential ballot.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.